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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS: EXCHANGE OF NOTES

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1. WE PASSED THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS LIST (REFTEL) TO MFA (NAZARKIN, COUNSELOR IN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HANDLING SUCH MATTERS IN TIMERBAYEV'S ABSENCE) JANUARY 7. NAZARKIN SAID THAT WHETHER EXCHANGE OF NOTES WILL TAKE PLACE WEEK OF JANUARY 12 DEPENDS ON THE UK'S DESIRES IN THIS REGARD, AND ALSO ON THE JAPANESE POSITION, WHICH NAZARKIN SAID HAD STILL NOT BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. (FYI, BRITISH HERE TELL US THAT AS FAR AS THEY KNOW WEEK OF JANUARY 12 IS STILL THE TARGET DATE. THEY EXPECT CONFIRMATION OR NEW INSTRUCTIONS IN NEXT 24 HOURS.)

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION JANUARY 5, BYELOV, ANOTHER COUNSELOR IN THE SAME MFA DIVISION, REMARKED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD PROPOSED TO THE BRITISH THAT THE FIRST SENTENCE IN THE DRAFT NOTE CONFIRMING THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIER ARRANGEMENTS BE CHANGED TO DROP THE WORD "UNILATERAL." THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, BYELOV SAID, HAS SUGGESTED SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF "THE GOVERNMENTS TAKE UPON THEMSELVES THE FOLLOWING OBLIGATIONS ...".

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